

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 5138

AMCONSUL MAZATLAN NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL HERMOSILLO IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL GUADALAJARA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL TIJUANA IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS MEXICO 15824

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, CASC, MX

SUBJECT: MISSING AIRCRAFT N-1963-J

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY AMCONSUL MAZATLAN ON 9/19 THAT AN AEROCOMMANDER, N-1963-J, WITH SIX US CITIZENS ABOARD WAS OVERDUE ON A FLIGHT FROM ACAPULCO TO MAZATLAN. SIX INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS MR. & MRS. TOM LAWARENCE (OR LORENZ), MR. AND MRS. GARY FISHLEIN AND MR. AND MRS. ED WEISE. (ALL FROM L.A. AREA).

2. EMBASSY CONFIRMED WITH MEXICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES THAT PLANE HAD DEPARTED ACAPULCO ON 9/16 AT 2:52 LOCAL WITH A FLIGHT PLAN TO MAZATLAN. THE AUTHORITIES HAD ALREADY ISSUED AN ALERT TO ALL AIRPORTS WITHIN THE PLANES FUEL CAPACITY AND HAD RECEIVED NEGATIVE RESPONSES.

3. WESTERN AIRLINES LATER REPORTED RECEIVING SOS SIGNALS FROM VICINITY, BUT THIS LATTER PROVED TO BE FROM ANOTHER AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD MADE EMERGENCY LANDING AT COSALA JUST SOUTH OF MAZATLAN.

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4. MEXICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING VISUAL SEARCH OF AREA WITH LIGHT AIRCRAFT AND THE LOCAL MILITARY HAVE INITIATED A LIMITED GROUND SEARCH.

5. SINCE 0900 LOCAL 9/21 EMBASSY DAO HAS BEEN REQUESTING

FLIGHT CLEARENCE FOR A U.S.AF C-130 TO ASSIST IN  
SEARCH. AS OF TRANSMISSION THIS MESSAGE CLEARANCE  
NOT RECEIVED FROM MEXICAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS DESPITE  
HOURLY CALLS. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING THROUGH OTHER  
GOM CHANNELS TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE. THOMPSON

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